



2016 AmeriCorps Funding Timeline –Approved 8/21/2015

Funding Availability

AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants:

Subject to the availability of appropriations for fiscal year 2016, Volunteer Tennessee expects the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to announce the availability of approximately \$205 million to award new, re-competing, and continuation AmeriCorps State and National grants. The grant categories are: State Commission and National Competitive including Professional Corps and Fixed-Amount Grants; State and National Education Award Program (EAP); States and Territories without Commissions; and Indian Tribes.

Knoxville-Knox County CAC and Teach for America - Memphis are Competitive programs in their third year of funding. Staff recommends that Volunteer Tennessee forward these programs to the Competitive process as re-competing programs. Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council, Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center, Memphis Teacher Residency, PENCIL Foundation and Public Education Foundation are Formula programs in their third year of funding. Staff recommends that Volunteer Tennessee forward these programs to the Competitive process as new programs, assuming that they meet the Competitive threshold of applying for a minimum of 20 members. If any of these programs are not able to apply for at least 20 members, staff recommends that they apply to the Formula process as re-competing programs. **Should any of these programs not receive Competitive funding, staff recommends that they return to the Formula process as re-competing programs.**

Emerald Youth Foundation, Teach for America – Nashville, and Tennessee’s Community Assistance Corporation – MVP are Competitive continuation programs in 2016.

AmeriCorps State Formula:

Based on 2015 appropriations, Volunteer Tennessee expects a state Formula allocation of approximately \$2.4 million in 2016. Staff recommends that Volunteer Tennessee fund continuation Formula applications from the following existing Formula programs, subject to staff/performance review: BRIDGES USA, Inc., Center for Refugees and Immigrants of Tennessee, Hands On Nashville, Impact America, Martha O’Bryan Center, Porter-Leath, and Tennessee’s Community Assistance Corporation – Community Cares. AIM Center, Inc. is required to re-compete as a Formula applicant.

Proposals from new applicants or expansion requests from current applicants will be considered; however, limited funding will be available for new programs. Applications not funded through the national Competitive process will be considered for Formula funding.

AmeriCorps Education Awards Program (EAP):

Unlike AmeriCorps State programs, EAP grantees do not have to provide childcare, a living allowance, or health care to participants. Applicants must obtain most or all of the member and program costs from other sources. Volunteer Tennessee will consider requests for grants of up to \$800 per full-time member (pro-rated for less than full-time) to defray a minor portion of program management costs. No matching funds are required.

Important Dates

8/24	Publish 2016 Tennessee AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Instructions
8/28	AmeriCorps Information Session – Webinar
9/4	AmeriCorps Grant Information Session – Webinar
TBD	Grant Application Technical Assistance Session – Webinar (if needed)

Timeline for Competitive Grant Applicants

11/20	Draft Competitive (new, re-competing and continuation) and EAP (new) Grant applications due to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST
12/18	Second Draft Competitive (new/re-competing and continuation) and EAP (new) Grant applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST
1/12	Final draft of Competitive (new, re-competing and continuation) and EAP (new) Grant applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST
5/13	Competitive and EAP funding decision from CNCS — Begin Competitive contract development

Timeline for Formula Applicants

12/4	AmeriCorps Formula Letter of Intent due to Volunteer Tennessee
2/19	Formula applications due via eGrants to Volunteer Tennessee by 3:00 p.m. CST Pre-Award Risk Assessment information due from new AmeriCorps Formula Applicants
5/23	Inform applicants of Formula funding decision and provide Application Feedback to funded programs
5/27	Formula and Planning Grant Programs submit budget and performance measure corrections via eGrants if needed — Begin Formula contract development